(iii) to make payments to poor and destitute persons or to their families involved in serious or fatal accidents caused by the State Transport Vehicles, which in the opinion of the Director, Tamil Nadu State Transport Department requires ex-gratia payments.

The objects of the Fund referred to at item (*a*) (2) above are to have a reserve sufficient to meet the expenditure relating to the claim of third parties arising on account of any unforeseen incidents arising from the operation of buses.

இணைப்பு V.

[325-ம் பக்கத்திலுள்ள அடிக்குறிப்பைக் காண்க.]

Place : Madras 10,
Date : July 31, 1973.

From

C. D. NATARAJAN, M.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Government (Retired),
Legislative Assembly Department.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE DEPUTY SPEAKER,
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly,
MADRAS.

Dear and Esteemed Sir,

I seek leave to bring to your kind notice that I retired from service on the forenoon of May 14, 1973, when I laid down my office as Secretary to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on the expiry of my extended period of service. As the Assembly was then in recess, I solicit your indulgence to address this letter to your goodself on the eve of the commencement of the next session.

It was my singular good fortune, Sir, that I had the rare opportunity and unique privilege to serve the great and glorious Tamil Nadu, whence I derived my birth and nurture, in all the three Wings of the State, namely, the Judiciary, the Executive and the Legislature, respectively. After a short spell of practice for four years as Advocate at the Bar of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, I entered service as a member of the State

Judicial Service and served as District Munsif and Presidency Magistrate for some years. Later, I was appointed as Under Secretary to Government in the Law Department of the then Government of Madras, where I gained considerable knowledge and experience, among other things, as to how a Legislation orginated and Bills were formulated and framed. Still later, to be precise, on the 1st January 1956, I was appointed as Deputy Secretary to the State Legislature and Secretary to the Legislative Council. Since then, for 17 years, nearly 8 years in the Council and well nigh 9 years in the Assembly, I had the honour and the privilege to remain in the service of the Legislature. When in 1962, I was given the option to revert to judiciary or to continue in the Legislature Secretariat, I of my own free will and accord, chose to serve the Legislature and through the Legislature, Democracy.

Inspired by the example of my distinguished predecessors, conscious of the high responsibilities and onerous duties of my office as Secretary to the Assembly, I earnestly endeavoured to equip myself with the requisite knowledge of Parliamentary Law and Procedure in order that I might discharge my duties aright. In the discharge of the duties of my office, I was ever actuated by a sense of devotion to duty. I consciously maintained correct manners and modest behaviour in the House, besides rectitude of conduct in my relations with the Honourable Members. With all sense of humility and dedication, it was my constant care and concern to support, maintain and promote the principles of Parliamentary Law as well as the high traditions and established conventions of the Legislature, which reflects as well as responds to the hopes and aspirations of the people, to ths best of my knowledge and ability. I never faltered and failed in my high regard for Parliamentary Law and strict adherence to the Procedure. Even if I lacked in ability, I did not slacken in my assiduity. I laboured and toiled to merit the confidence and deserve the goodwill and appreciation of eminent and esteemed persons who from time to time presided over the august and honourable Assembly as well as the Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Hon'ble Leaders of the House, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Leaders of Parties and all Hon'ble Members. That I was the recipient of abundant affection, great consideration and courtesy from your goodself as well as from all the hon'ble Members of the House is a reward which I value and cherish most. The

support and encouragement I received from all Members of the House in the discharge of my delicate and difficult duties will ever remain a source of supreme satisfaction and great inspiration to me in my retirement. I hereby respectfully express my deep sense of gratitude to your goodself and through you to the Hon'ble Members of the House and the benign Government for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me throughout my service at the Table of the Honourable Assembly.

I now wish to acknowledge the loyal and efficient services of my valued colleagues and dear companions in the Secretariat without whose responsive co-operation, able assistance and ready help, I could not have discharged my onerous duties to the satisfaction of the House.

In conclusion, I most respectfully assure you, Sir, and through you, the Hon'ble Members, one and all, that with firm and well founded faith in the efficacy of Parliamentary Democracy, I shall ever, with zeal and fidelity, strive and serve to maintain and advance, in word as well as in act, the high honour and great reputation of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, not at the Table as a Clerk, but as a humble and simple citizen.

With kind regards,

I remain,
Sir,
Ever yours faithfully,
C. D. NATARAJAN.

இணைப்பு VI.

[325-ம் பக்கத்திலுள்ள அடிக்குறிப்பைக் காண்க.]

Place : Madras,
Date : 14th August 1973.

From

C. D. NATARAJAN, M.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Government (Retired),
Legislative Assembly Department.

Esteemed and Hon'ble Speaker, Sir,

I am deeply touched and moved by the kind Resolution passed on August 11, 1973 by the Hon'ble Assembly in generous appreciation of the humble services I had the honour and privilege to

render at the Table of the august House, which I highly value and shall ever cherish as the greatest reward and the highest honour the Hon'ble Assembly has in its power to confer on any person, and I shall treasure it as my priceless possession for so long as I shall live.

You, Sir, in particular, had always been partial to my merit and indulgent to my faults and I am ever grateful to your good and esteemed self for many words and acts of kindness, encouragement, courtesy and consideration.

I most respectfully request you, Sir, to kindly convey to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Leader of the House, the Hon'ble Leaders of Parties and all Hon'ble Members my sincere thanks and deep gratitude for their kind thoughts, generous appreciation and goodwill towards me.

With regards,

Very sincerely, Yours, Sir,

C. D. NATARAJAN.

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